Level of processing of agricultural products

3449. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the level of processing of the various agricultural products in the country is very low as compared to the developed and even some developing countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of major constraints food processing industry is confronting; and

(d) the details of measures being contemplated by Government to overcome these constraints?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The level of processing of fruits & vegetables in the country is estimated at 2.20%.

(c) The major constraints food processing industry is confronting at various stages of handling after harvesting due to fragmented and traditional farming, lack of adequate post-harvest infrastructure such as lack of cold chain facilities, transportation, proper storage facilities, lack of processable variety of raw material, lack of adequate inflow of investment in the sector etc.

(d) The Government is implementing various schemes for overcoming constraints in the development of the sector. These include creation and development of processing infrastructure, setting up/modernization/upgradation of the food processing units, food safety and quality control, skill upgradation and capacity building.

Operationalisation of food parks

3450. SHRI BHAGAT SINGH KOSHYARI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of food parks sanctioned to be set up in various States, so far, States-wise;

(b) the reasons for slow progress in operationalising the food parks; and

(c) the fresh steps taken to ensure that all the conditions, necessary for the success of food parks, are put in place quickly?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) 56 Food Parks have been sanctioned so far in various States during the 8th to 10th Plan Periods. Food Park Scheme has been discontinued in the 11th Five Year Plan. List of Food Parks is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) Ministry of Food Processing Industries had engaged reputed external agencies namely EDI, Ahmedabad and Consulting Engineers Ltd. to carry out evaluation of the Food Park Scheme. As

per the study report, most of these Food Parks were promoted by State Industrial Development Agencies, they were conceptualized in traditional industrial estate mode with no forward and backward linkages. This resulted in valuable real estate being acquired but utilized at low levels of efficiency. Major reasons for the poor functioning of parks are mentioned below:

- Poor site selection
- Delay in providing basic infrastructure facilities like power, water, road etc.
- Absence of strong backward linkages
- Weak linkages with the market
- Delay in release of financial assistance due to slow progress
- Poor management and implementation capabilities
- Lack of funding for components such as internal roads, drainage, environmental control facilities and soiled waste management facilities etc., which are also important infrastructure needed in the park.

(c) In view of the experience gained in the implementation of the Food Park Scheme during 8th to 10th Plan periods and keeping the recommendations of the evaluation studies into consideration, Food Park Scheme has been suitably revised and restructured into a new scheme for establishing Mega Food Park, which is a demand driven scheme with strong backward and forwarded linkages. Continuous efforts are being taken by the Ministry to revitalise the earlier Food Parks to make them functional. Progress of food parks is periodically reviewed with implementing agencies. Periodical physical inspection of food parks is carried out from time to time by the SNAs. Joint inspections associating SNA, Ministry's representative and the Bank are also conducted. State Governments have been requested to coordinate and cooperate with implementing agencies so as to overcome the constraints being faced by food parks. A revitalization-cum diagnostic study has been assigned by the Ministry to Tariff Commission in those cases where progress has been slow. The Program Management Agency (PMA) for the ongoing Mega Food Park Scheme has also been entrusted to visit the 20 selected old Food Parks to study and suggest the way out for their early completion and operationalisation.

Statement

List of Food Parks

S.No.	State	Location of the Project	Implementing agency	Year of approval
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Kuppam, Dist.-Chittoor	Andhra Pradesh Industrial Infrastructure Corporation Ltd.,	2000-01
2.	Assam	Chaygaon, Distt. Kamrup	Assam small Industries Development Corporation Ltd.,	2000-01

1	2	3	4	5
3.	Bihar	Hajipur, District Vaishali	North Bihar Ind. Area Dev. Authority, C/o Department of Industries	2002-03
4.	Chhattisgarh	Village Teadesara, Dist -Rajnandgaon	Chhattisgarh State Industrial Development Corporation	2001-02
5.	Haryana	Saha, Distt. - Ambala	Haryana state Ind. Dev. Corporation Ltd.,	2001-02
6.	Haryana	Rai, Dist.-Sonipat,	Haryana state Ind. Dev. Corporation Ltd.	2001-02
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	Khunmoh, Distt. - Srinagar	J&K State Industrial Development Corporation Ltd.	2000-01
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	Sopore, Baramulla	J&K State Industrial Development Corporation Ltd. (J&KSIDCO)	2002-03
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	Jammu	Jammu Agro Industrial Food Park,	2001-02
10	Karnataka	Mayur, Distt.-Kolar,	Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board/Food Karnataka Limited	2000-01
11	Karnataka	Bagalkot,	Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board/Food Karnataka Limited	2000-01
12	Karnataka	Jevargi	Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board Food Karnataka Limited	2002-03
13	Karnataka	Hirriyur	M/s Akshay Food Park Limited	2006-07
14	Kerala	Distt. Mallapuram,	Kerala Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation	1996-97
15	Kerala	Aroor, Distt.- Alappuzha,	Marine Products Infrastructure Development Corporation P. Ltd. (MIDCON) / Seafood Park India Ltd.	2001-02
16	Kerala	Mazhuvannur, Ernakulam	Kerala Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation (KINFRA)	2002-03
17	Kerala	Adoor	Kerala Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation (KINFRA)	2005-06

1	2	3	4	5
18	Madhya Pradesh	Jaggakhedi, Distt. - Mandsaur,	Madhya Pradesh Audyogic Kendra Vikas Nigam (Indore) Ltd.,	2000-01
19	Madhya Pradesh	Nimrani, Dist. Khargone,	Madhya Pradesh Audyogic Kendra Vikas Nigam (Indore) Ltd.,	2001-02
20	Madhya Pradesh	Piparia, Babai, Distt. Hoshangabad	Madhya Pradesh Audyogic Kendra Vikas Nigam (Bhopal) Ltd	2001-02
21	Madhya Pradesh	Borgaon, Distt. Chhindwara	M.P.Audyogik Kendra, Vikas Nigam (Jabalpur) Ltd.,	2001-02
22	Madhya Pradesh	Malanpur, Ghirongi, District Bhind (M.P)	. M.P.Audyogik Kendra, Vikas Nigam (Gwalior) Ltd	2002-03
23	Madhya Pradesh	Maneri, Distt. Mandla	M.P.Audyogik Kendra, Vikas Nigam (Jabalpur) Ltd.	2002-03
24	Maharashtra	Butibori, Distt. - Nagpur,	Maharashtra Agro Industries Development Corporation Ltd.	2000-01
25	Maharashtra	Vinchur. Distt. Nashik	Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation	2001-02
26	Maharashtra	Mouza Gumthala, Bhandara Road, Dist. Nagpur.	M/s Haldiram Krishi Udyog Pvt. Ltd., Dist. Nagpur.	2002-03
27	Maharashtra	Village Sangvi, Distt. Satara	M/s Agrifood Informatics (India) Ltd, Pune-411013	2002-03
28	Maharashtra	Palus, Distt. - Sangli	Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation	2003-04
29	Maharashtra	Kapsi, Taluka Kamtee, Distt. Nagpur	M/s Maa Umiya Audyogic sahakari asahat Maryadit	2005-06
30	Maharashtra	MIDC Industrial Area, Shendra, Aurangabad	M/s Laxmi Nirmal Pratisthan	2006-07
31	Manipur	Lamphelpat, Imphal	Manipur Food Industries Corporation Ltd.	2000-01
32	Manipur	Distt. Ukhrul	Rishang Keishing Foundation for Management of Tribal Areas	2001-02
33	Mizoram	Chhingchip,	Mizoram Food and Allied industries	2001-02
34	Nagaland	Bamunpukri, Dimapur	Progressive Rural Development Society	2006-07

1	2	3	4	5
35	Orissa	Khurda	Orissa Indl. Infrastructure Development Corporation	2001-02
36	Punjab	Sirhind, Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib	Punjab Agri Export Corporation	2000-01
37	Rajasthan	Ranpur, Distt. Kota.	Rajasthan State Industrial Development & Investment Corporation Ltd., (RIICO)	2002-03
38	Rajasthan	Boranada, District - Jodhpur	Rajasthan State Industrial Development & Investment Corporation Ltd., (RIICO),	2002-03
39	Rajasthan	Sri Ganganagar	Rajasthan State Industrial Development & Investment Corporation Ltd., {RIICO),	2003-04
40	Rajasthan	Alwar	Rajasthan State Industrial Development & Investment Corporation Ltd., (RIICO),	2006-07
41	Tamil Nadu	Virudhunagar, Distt. -Madurai	V.P.S Ayyemperumal Nadar & Sons.	2000-01
42	Tamil Nadu	Dindigul District	Nilakottai Food Park Ltd.	2004-05
43	Tripura	Bodhjungnagar, West Tripura	Tripura Industrial Development Corporation Ltd.	2000-01
44	Uttar Pradesh	Ghaziabad	Wise Industrial Park Ltd.	1999-00
45	Uttar Pradesh	Kharkion, Distt. - Varanasi	U.P State Industrial Development Corporation Ltd.	2000-01
46	Uttar Pradesh	Shahajanwa, Gorakhpur	Gorakhpur Industrial Dev. Authority.	2004-05
47	Uttar Pradesh	Village Kushalipur, District Saharanpur.	M/S Kushal International Limited,	2002-03
48	Uttar Pradesh	Kursi Road, Distt.- Barabanki	U.P State Industrial Development Corporation Ltd.	2000-01
49	West Bengal	Chakgaria, 24 Parganas (South)	State Fishermen's Cooperative Ltd., (BENFISH), Kolkata	1998-99
50	West Bengal	Dankuni, Distt. Hooghly	Modular Consultants Pvt. Ltd.	1996-97
51	West Bengal	Haldia District Midnapore.	Haldia Development Authority, Haldia,	2002-03

1	2	3	4	5
52	West Bengal	Sultanpur, South 24 Parganas	State Fishermen's Cooperative Ltd., (BENFISH), Kolkata	2003-04
53	West Bengal	Malda	Deptt. of Food Processing Industries and Horticulture, Govt. of West Bengal.	2003-04
54	West Bengal	Shankarapur, Dist. Purba Medinipur,	Department of Fisheries, Aquaculture, Aquatic Resources, Govt. of West Bengal,	2004-05
55	West Bengal	Sankhrail, Howrah	West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation (WBIDC)	2004-05
56	West Begal	Murshidabad	M/s Pataka Industries Limited	2005-06

Registration of newspapers

3451. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of cases of title verification and allotment of registration numbers are pending with the Registrar of Newspapers in India (RNI);

(b) if so, the details in this regard, and

(c) the steps Government proposes to clear the backlog of title verification and allotment of registration numbers expeditiously?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI CHOUDHURY MOHAN JATUA): (a) to (c) There is no delay in allotment of title and their registration on the part of the Office of the Registrar of Newspapers for India. The specified time limit for verification of titles is 15 days from the date of receipt of completed application in the office of the Registrar of Newspapers for India from the District Magistrate. Similarly the time limit for registration of titles is 30 days from the date of receipt of documents complete in all respects from the publisher. The time limits fixed are being adhered to. As on 17.12.2009, 134 cases of title verification and 654 cases of registration are pending.

Setting up of FM Radio stations in A.P.

3452. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether some requests for setting up of FM Radios in Andhra Pradesh are pending;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken to complete them?